GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether cases of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) are on the rise in the country;

(b) If so,the details thereof; and

(c) The steps taken by the Government to stop this disease and to provide proper treatment to the persons suffering from this disease?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b) Exact number of COPD in India is not known.Various epidemiological studies indicate that the prevalence of COPD is about 2.3%. There is not enough evidence to suggest that the COPD prevalence is rising.

(c) The COPD is not an infectious disease and therefore does not spread from person to person. The treatment of COPD is available in the Health Care Delivery System up to District Hospital /CHC/PCH besides Medical Colleges and premier institutions like AIIMS,PGI, Chandigarh and SGPGI, Lucknow etc. Further,healthy life style is being promoted through various IEC activities.